GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Inactivated Polio Vaccine
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is an acute shortage of Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) in both Government and private sector hospitals in some States including Kerala, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and reasons for such shortage;

(b) whether IPV is unavailable in the private sector hospitals due to global shortage as the Union Government has been purchasing it in bulk and it is being made available only through Government healthcare institution for the past several months, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the inconvenience, overcrowding and other practical problems has been preventing many parents from going to Government hospitals for IPV, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Government?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): There is a global shortage of IPV, this has not only resulted in reduced supply of IPV to government of India, but also reduced availability of IPV in the open market for use by private practitioners. However, this reduced supply to government at present has not resulted in shortage of IPV to the State/UTs under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).

As per provisional reports, till June 2017, a total of 4,56,86,075 doses of IPV have been supplied to the States/UTs which is more than total children vaccinated so far i.e. 2,12,47,177 which indicates that there is no shortage of IPV. (The State/UT-wise details are annexed.

The IPV vaccine is provided to state Government by Government of India under Universal Immunization Programme. The IPV vaccination is mainly carried out by the government hospitals and other service delivery outlets under government.

(c): No, Immunization sessions are being conducted at government health facilities as well as in community where IPV and other UIP vaccines are provided.

(d) In view of above, question does not arise.
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